

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TREASURE COAST FOOD BANK

**HON. BILL POSEY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 2, 2013*

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, for the past twenty five years employees and volunteers from the Treasure Coast Food Bank have been aiding in the mission to alleviate hunger by collecting and distributing food and other essentials to local Florida residents in need. Our community has been well-served by the staff and volunteers of Treasure Coast Food Bank and they are to be commended for twenty six years of hard work and dedication in serving our community.

The Treasure Coast Food Bank is one of 14 food banks in Florida and the only food bank to serve the four county areas of Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, and Okeechobee counties.

Led by CEO Judith A. Cruz and the dedicated staff of the Food Bank, the Treasure Coast Food Bank is a nonprofit clearinghouse that collects, stores, and distributes useable surplus food to non-profit organizations that then provide it to those in need at no cost.

Treasure Coast Food Bank is a partner with Feeding America (formerly called America's Second Harvest) the national network of more than 200 food banks. In 2011, Treasure Coast Food Bank distributed almost 8 million pounds of food within our communities.

In addition to their core mission, Treasure Coast Food Bank provides educational resources and guided tours of their headquarters to the public so our community can gain a greater understanding of what a Food Bank does, how it serves a critical role in fighting hunger on the Treasure Coast and how the public can become more involved in supporting the Food Bank and its clients.

The Treasure Coast Food Bank has enjoyed a longstanding reputation for treating all people with respect and dignity. I commend all of those who have given time and support over the last 25 years to sustain the Treasure Coast Food Bank and ensure that it can fulfill its mission. We are all proud of their success and commitment to serving our community.

Throughout the course of American history, non-profit and charitable organizations have always played a critical role helping those in need. The Treasure Coast Food Bank is a living testament to that effort. They allow each and every one of us to directly make a difference in the lives of those who have fallen on hard times and need a helpful hand. Organizations like the Treasure Coast Food Bank are often more successful, more compassionate and more personally connected than a government program.

As we enter the holiday season, this is a good time for us to think about those who may be in need and consider ways that we might support efforts like those of the Treasure Coast Food Bank.

HONORING MR. JOSEPH R. DEBRO

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 2, 2013*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a fellow Mississippian, Mr. Joseph R. Debroy, who passed away on November 5, 2013, three days after his 85th birthday. Joseph Debroy was a staunch advocate for workers civil rights and justice. Joseph may have had a totally different life because as a young man, he had a strong desire to serve his country in the military and, in fact, received an appointment to West Point from Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, but Joe's physical examination revealed a medical issue—Sickle Cell Anemia Trait—which precluded his appointment. That set-back did not deter Joe from moving forward and seeking new avenues to achieve his goals.

Joseph Debroy was by education and training a scientist, having received his undergraduate degree in Bacteriology and his Masters degree in Biochemistry from the University of California at Berkeley. Joe held several important positions in his field after graduation—Research Assistant at UCSF, and NASA Bio-Chemical Engineer (where he worked on the Environment of the first space capsule). Joe later entered the business world, where we all felt he had found his true calling by challenging long-standing practices of discrimination and racial exclusion in trade unions and government contracting. Fighting racial injustice would be Joe's primary struggle to the end of his life. In his early days, he joined another advocate, Ray Dones, and organized over 300 Black contractors and was the co-founder of the National Association of Minority Contractors. He also founded the first minority-owned surety company in the United States—the Builders Mutual Surety Company.

Joe's work did not go unnoticed, he was appointed by then California Governor Jerry Brown to be the Director of the State of California Office of Small Business. Joe later became a co-founder of Trans Bay Engineering, a company with the signature accomplishment of renovating the long dormant Alice Arts Center, now known as the Malonga Casquelord Arts Center in Oakland.

Joseph Debroy was probably the one person who was responsible for the increase of minority trainees in Northern California unions. In every contract that was awarded, Joseph tried to find ways to include women and minority-owned businesses and received numerous awards in recognition of his efforts.

Joseph served over 40 years on the board of the Housing Assistance Council, whose mission is to construct affordable housing for low-income people throughout the country. I was honored to serve on that board with Joe for over 20 years.

One of Joe's longest running and most passionate struggles to right a wrong was the lawsuit he initiated against the Oakland Raiders for receiving a loan of \$465 million from the City of Oakland that was never repaid.

After retirement, Joe continued to be active in his community and began writing for several community newspapers (including the San Francisco Bayview, a national black newspaper; the East Bay Express, and the Oakland Post). Joe was a member of the Oakland

Kiwanis club, serving on the scholarship committee.

Joe is survived by his wife of 63 years, Anita, who was his strongest supporter along with his three sons, Keith, Karl and Kraig.

Joe will be truly missed by all who knew him.

COMMEMORATING FLORENCE COUNTY DEPUTY JOSEPH ANTWINE

**HON. TOM RICE**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 2, 2013*

Mr. RICE of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, it is with much sadness that I rise today to commemorate Florence County Deputy Joseph Antwine. Last week, the Florence County Sheriff's Department and South Carolina's Seventh District lost a young and upcoming deputy in the line of duty.

Joseph Antwine of Lake City, South Carolina, was responding to a fellow deputy's call for immediate assistance when his car crashed. A recent Citadel graduate, Deputy Antwine earned his degree in criminal justice. At the Citadel, his leadership and loyal service to the Corps of Cadets was recognized when he was presented with the Col. Joseph E. Perkins Honor Committee Award.

Deputy Antwine was a dependable young man, dedicated to his work and protecting our community. Even at his young age, he has been a role model to many and a model of public service.

My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends and the Florence County Sheriff's Department.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EDISON CRICKET CLUB

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 2, 2013*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 10th anniversary of the Edison Cricket Club. The organization continues to serve as an outstanding social and athletic club in Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Since its establishment, the Edison Cricket Club has provided an outlet for the community to be active and enjoy the sport of cricket. Its members have worked tirelessly to promote the sport, which has helped the club grow. The club's home ground is based at Thomas Jefferson Middle School in Edison. In addition to club-sponsored events, including its annual awards celebration, its members also participate in community service and charitable events. It has also worked with the Edison School Board to host a summer camp for local children.

The club is currently comprised of three teams and competes in four leagues: the Cricket League of New Jersey; the Millennium Cricket League; the New Jersey State Cricket and Umpire's Association; and the New Jersey Softball Cricket League. The Edison Cricket Club joined the Cricket League of New Jersey